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PAST & FUTURE MEET IN A WORLD GONE MAD

XENOZOIC TALES

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PERIOD

CAMBRIAN

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SILURIAN

DEVONIAN

MISSISSIPPIAN

PENNSYLVANIAN

PERMIAN

TRIASSIC

JURASSIC

CRETACEOUS

TERTIARY

QUATERNARY

MILLIONS OF
YEARS AGO

570

500

435

410

360

330

290

240

205

140

65

2

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Some think the seeds of the Cenozoic's cataclysmic demise were sown as early as the eighteenth century. What is known is that by 1987 A.D., the series of geological upheavals that would signal the unprecedented fall of an era had already begun.

Although the enormous *pattern* and unfortunate *cause* behind the global catastrophe would not be discovered until many years later, by the early twenty-first century, mankind had begun its retreat from an increasingly inhospitable surface to the safety of vast subterranean shelters.

By 2020 A.D., the churning, spitting Earth came to a *boil*. Billions died and entire species were consumed. The few surviving humans huddled in their scattered iron and steel tombs and waited...

Four hundred and fifty years after it had sealed itself off, mankind returned to the daylight, and was greeted by a radically altered world...A world that logically should not exist...A world fully populated by an unprecedented, eclectic ecosystem!

Now, come with us through *beauty* and *terror*, *mystery* and *paradox*. Come with us to the...

XENOZOIC ERA

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IF YOU LIVED IN THE EARLY YEARS OF THE 26TH CENTURY, AND IF YOU COULD FLY, THIS MIGHT BE YOUR VIEW AS YOU SOARED EAST PAST THE STROMATOLITE-DOTTED COAST OF NORTH AMERICA'S REMAINS...



CLOSER INSPECTION OF THE UNUSUAL COASTAL ISLAND WOULD REVEAL CLIFFS AND CANYONS, PROMISING LONG HOURS OF SMOOTH SOARING ON WARM UPDRAFTS...



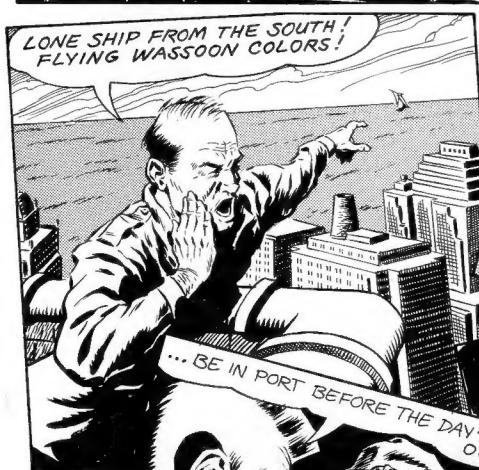
CLOSER YET AND THE ISLAND SEPARATES INTO A SERIES OF VERTICAL ISLETS...



AN ARCHIPELAGO OF STONE

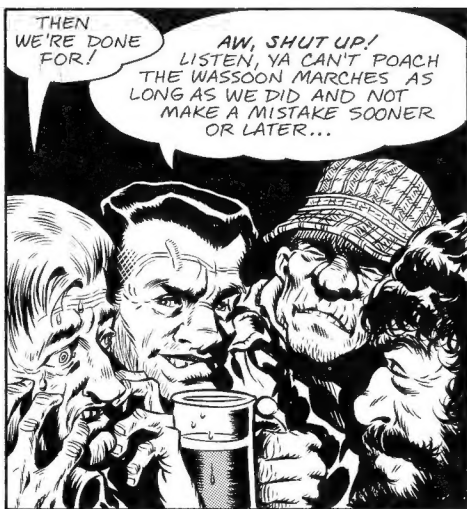
ANY CLOSER AND YOU'D BE SURE TO ENCOUNTER THE INHABITANTS...

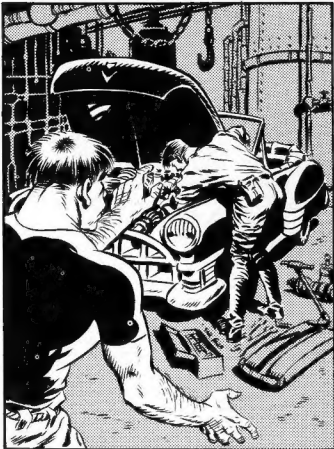
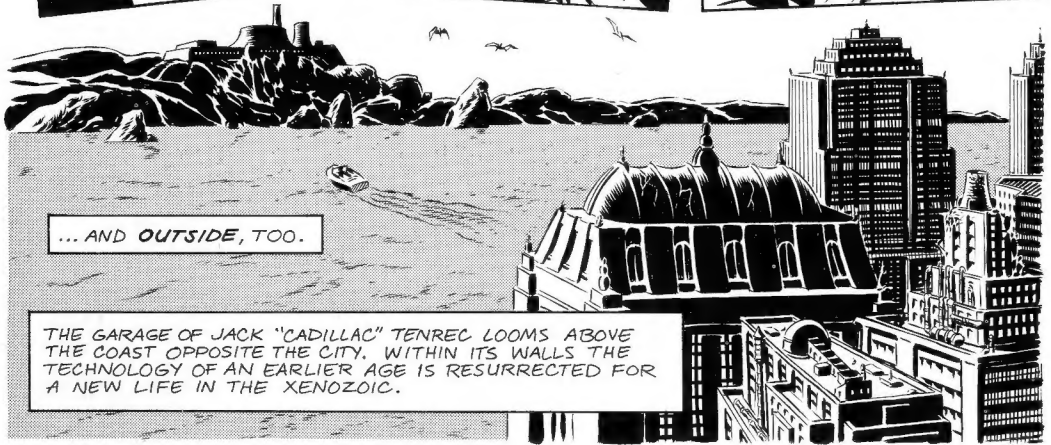
BLAM



IN THE XENOZOIC, WITH CONTACTS BETWEEN TRIBES FEW, NEWS OF A VISITATION SPREADS QUICKLY...









WHO ARE THESE GUYS?

POACHERS. SHERMAN SPURGEON, BRICK FLINDERS, BLACK ELMER, AND WRENCH TERHUNE...



OK! OK! I KNOW TERHUNE.

WHY DIDN'T YOU GO TO THE GOVERNORS?

THEY'D ONLY O' SENT ME TO YOU ANYWAYS... AND TIME'S SHORT!

UH HUH.



JEEZ! I DON'T WANNA MESS WITH TERHUNE...

SIGH...
ALRIGHT...
ROUND UP BAT
AND BRYCE...
AND HERMES
... WHERE'S
HE THESE
DAYS?

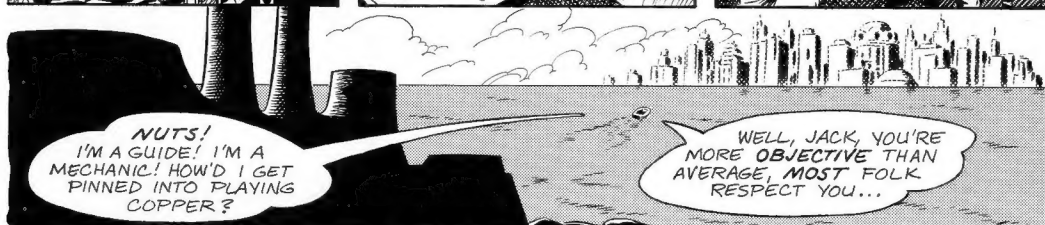


SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY. PHU-TSERING HAD A PROBLEM THAT NEEDED SOME MUSCLE...

WELL,
I WANT HERMES
AS A BACK-UP.



CLIFF! BUTTE!
HOLD DOWN THE FORT! THE CITY FOLK NEED ME AGAIN!



NUTS!
I'M A GUIDE! I'M A MECHANIC! HOW'D I GET PINNED INTO PLAYING COPPER?

WELL, JACK, YOU'RE MORE OBJECTIVE THAN AVERAGE, MOST FOLK RESPECT YOU...



... AND YOU DON'T DIE TOO EASY.

BAT!
BRYCE!
GUTCH!

...YOU KNOW?

HEY, JACK! DEWEY FILLED US IN.

GOTTA HURRY
...THE WASSOON
ARE ALMOST
IN...



I KNOW, I KNOW. WHERE'S HERMES?

DUNNO. BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO...

THE HELL WE DON'T.

MESS, GO FIND PHU-TSERING. TELL HIM WE NEED HERMES... PRONTO!















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THE OPPORTUNISTS

THE GIANT MOSASAUR GUIDES PURPOSEFULLY THROUGH THE SUBMARINE GLOOM. HIS FINELY TUNED SENSE OF ECHOLOCATION HAS ONCE AGAIN DETECTED EASY PREY NEAR THE COASTAL SHELF...



WHILE ON THE ROOF OF ONE OF THE CITY'S HIGHEST TOWERS...



THE GOVERNOR POINTS OUT A FISHING FLEET ON THE OPEN SEA FAR BELOW...





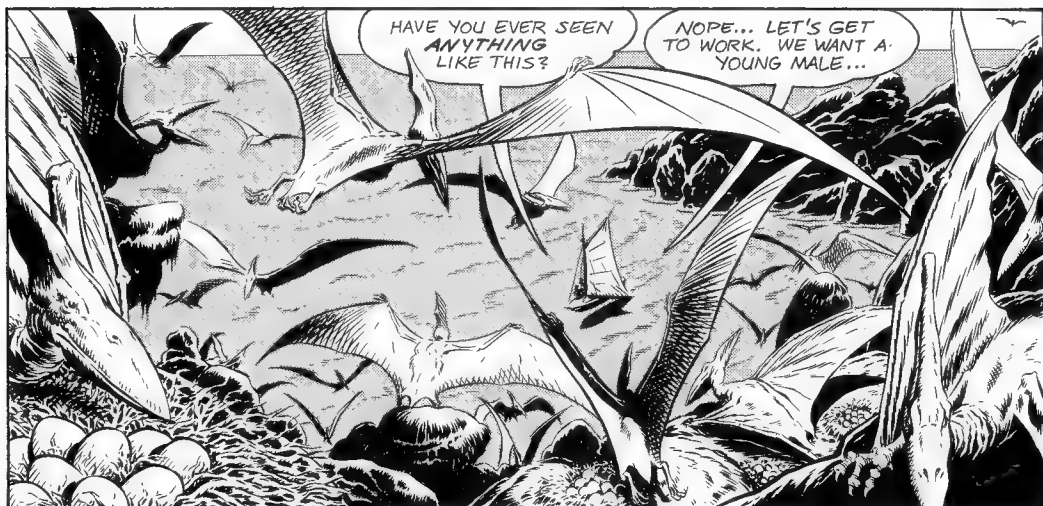
THE SCAVENGING *PTERANODONS*, WITH THEIR SHRILL CRIES AND OPPORTUNISTIC WAYS, ARE OBJECTS OF DERISION TO MANY...



BUT TO AT LEAST *ONE*, THE WONDER AND MYSTERY OF *FLIGHT* OBSCURES ALL OTHER TRAITS...







HAVE YOU EVER SEEN
ANYTHING
LIKE THIS?

NOPE... LET'S GET
TO WORK. WE WANT A
YOUNG MALE...



...PREFERABLY WITH A
LARGE HAREM.

THERE'S
A LIKELY
CANDIDATE!



ALLEY...



... OOP!

NOT SHY AT ALL,
IS HE?



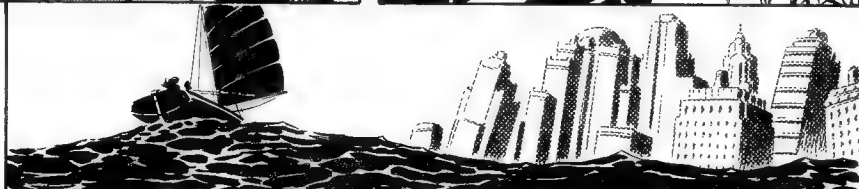
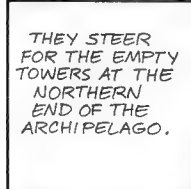
I THINK HE'S
HOOKED, REMFRO!
SET A COURSE
FOR HOME!

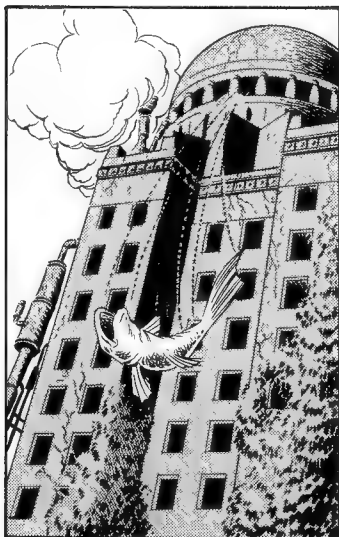


JUST LIKE
WALKING THE DOG!

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THE FOLLOWING MORNING...



... NOT EVERYONE IS PLEASED.





THE BOATS REACH SAFETY
WITH SECONDS TO SPARE.



CONGRATULATIONS, GOVERNOR!
WHAT AN INSPIRED IDEA, USING ZEKES...
THOSE INTUITIVE SCAVENGERS...
AS THE BEST EARLY WARNING SYSTEM
AVAILABLE!



WHAT INSIGHT! TO REALIZE
THAT ZEKES CAN *SENSE* A DANGEROUS
PREDATOR LONG BEFORE
MEN CAN *SEE* IT!



...AND TO LURE THESE
VIGILANT ANGELS TO THE CITY!
OH, THE LIVES THAT
WILL BE SPARED!

GOOD SHOW,
GOVERNOR!



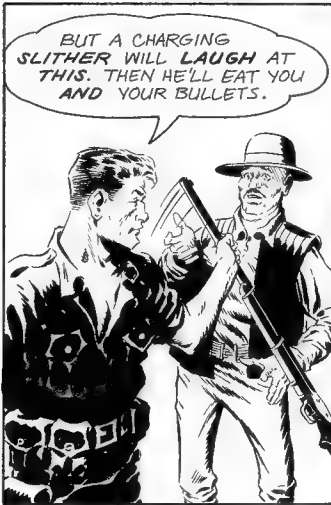
WHY
NOT
TELL 'EM
THE
TRUTH?

WELL, GOVERNOR
NOCK WILL PROBABLY
FIND THIS VERSION
EASIER TO LIVE
WITH...



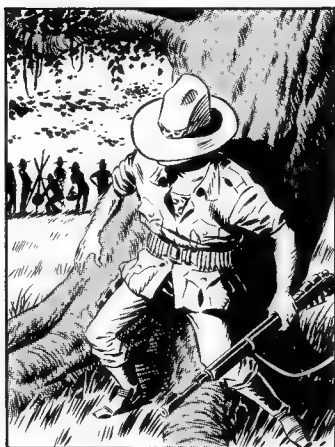
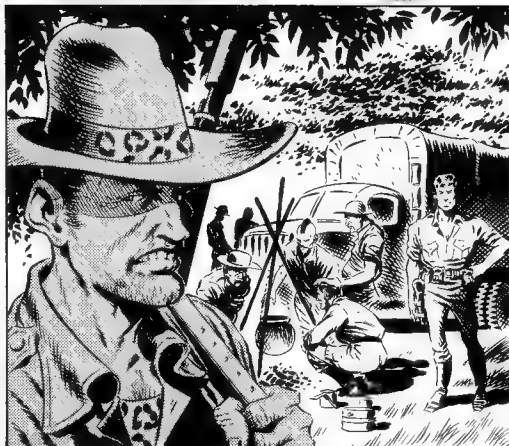
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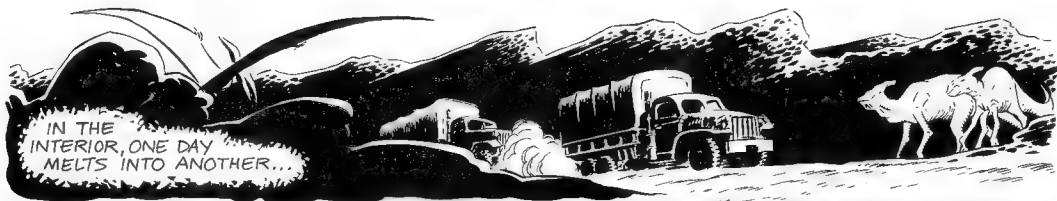


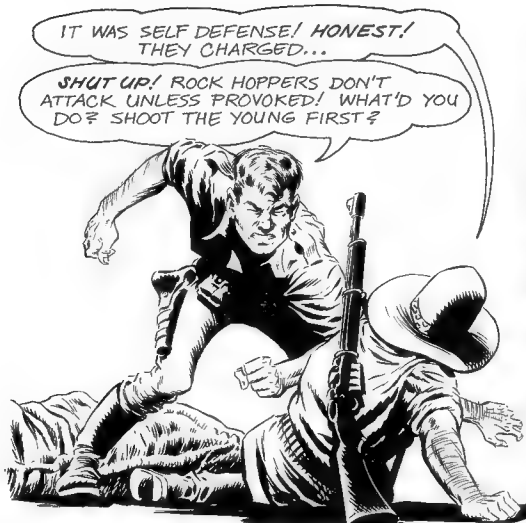


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MANY MILES LATER, AT THAT NIGHT'S CAMP...









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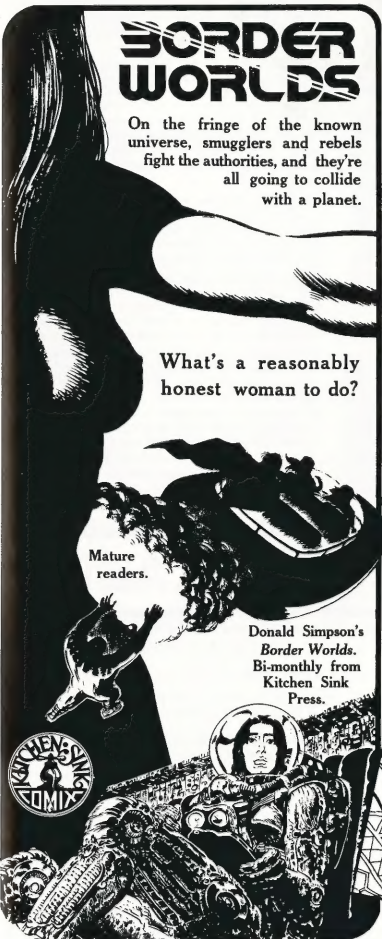
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with a planet.

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Robert Crumb provides the introduction.

There will be short interviews with Kurtzman and historical perspectives given before each story.

Harvey Kurtzman's Jungle Book is a rare solo effort by the master satirist who normally collaborated with such top cartoonists as Will Elder, Wally Wood, Jack Davis, etc. It was produced between the period when his magazine *Humbug* went out of business and before *Help!* began production. Originally published as a Ballantine pocket-book (which reproduced the art poorly), the hard-to-find paperback has garnered almost mythical status.

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